

Working Forests, Managing Communities

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Flathead Valley Community College
Kalispell, Montana

THURSDAY * JUNE 18	11:00 – 11:30	Registration
	11:30 – 11:50	Welcoming remarks
	11:50 – 12:00	Documentary about growth in Montana
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Keynote by Governor Schweitzer
	1:00 – 1:25	The Future of Western Forests: Why they matter? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Burchfield, Interim Dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana
	1:25 – 3:10	Living Responsibly with Our Forests: Forest Fragmentation and Its Impacts <i>Wildfire in the wildland-urban interface</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary Sexton, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation• Jim Schwab, Manager, Hazards Planning Research Center, American Planning Association <i>Working forests and economic opportunities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassandra Moseley, Director, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon• Barb Wagner, Senior Economist, Department of Labor and Industry• Pat Hulla, Regional Manager, Department of Labor and Industry <i>Changes in forest ownership: lessons and opportunities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melanie Parker, Executive Director, Northwest Connections• Michelle Connor, Senior Vice President, Cascade Land Conservancy
	3:10 – 3:25	Break

	3:25 – 4:15	Tools to Support Our Communities and Forests Panel Discussion about tools/strategies to maintain healthy working forests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Schwab, Manager, Hazards Planning Research Center, American Planning Association • Cassandra Moseley, Director, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon • Michelle Connor, Senior Vice President, Cascade Land Conservancy • Randy Carpenter, Land Use Planner, Sonoran Institute • Evan Barrett, Chief Business Officer, Governor’s Office of Economic Development
	4:15 – 5: 30	Breakout sessions
	5:30 – 7:00	Reception (FVCC)
FRIDAY * JUNE 19	7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast
	8:00 – 8:15	Recap of previous day
	8:15 –9:45	Forest Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Roady, V.P. & General Manager, F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber
	9:45 – 10:00	Break
	10:00 – 11:00	Closing Panel and Remarks: Charting the Future for Our Communities and Forests